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whom devoted the whole or a part of their commencement exercises to this subject. We have never had in any year so many requests for literature from students who wished assistance in preparing debates, orations, or graduating essays on this subject.

The league's semi-annual meeting was held in connection with the meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Education Association, as usual. This met in Richmond, Virginia, February 23-28, and the league gave its annual dinner on February 26 in the Jefferson Hotel. There were about seventy-five guests at this dinner, and addresses were made by United States Commissioner Claxton; Congressman William D. B. Ainey; President C. A. Duniway, of the University of Wyoming; President S. C. Mitchell, of the Medical College of Virginia. Superintendent Randall J. Condon, of Cincinnati, the president of the league, was toastmaster.

The league is now making preparations for its annual meeting, which will be held in connection with the annual convention of the National Education Association as usual. This will be held in St. Paul July 4-11, and the league will have headquarters in the St. Paul Hotel. Prof. R. M. Rarig, of the University of Minnesota, who is president of the Minnesota High School Debating League, is conducting an essay contest among the high schools of the State. This contest will close on June 15, and the essays will be submitted to a board of judges from the University of Minnesota. The four best essays will be selected for the orations at the league's annual public meeting on July 9 in St. Paul. These orations will be delivered by the writers, and the gold medal of the league will be presented by Commissioner Claxton to the one giving the best oration. Governor Eberhart, of Minnesota, has consented to be the presiding officer of this meeting, and the other speaker will be Mr. E. H. Scammell, organizing secretary of the Canadian Peace Centenary Association. The annual report of the executive committee will be read and the prizes awarded to the successful contestants in the Seabury Peace Prize Essay Contest. On the next afternoon the board of managers of the league will give their annual luncheon in the St. Paul Hotel.

We are pleased to announce that the "Course in Citizenship," prepared by a committee of the Massachusetts branch and published by Houghton-Mifflin Company, will be out the 1st of July. This promises to be a great contribution to educational literature.

The history committee of the league has held one meeting since our last report, on April 2-3, in New York, and will meet again June 1-2. It has outlined the contents of five books which it intends to publish, which will probably appear in 1916.

Our essay contest closed, as usual, on March 1, and ninety-three essays were received. Four countries are represented in this contest—England, Germany, Holland, and the United States. One normal school essay was received from England, two from Holland, and one secondary school essay from Germany. The rest, eighty-nine, were from this country, twenty-eight States being represented. Of this number there were twenty-one normal school essays and sixty-eight secondary. The league has also co-operated again this year in the Lindgren Essay Contest, open to all high-school students of this country, in supplying literature to each of these contestants.

## Resolutions of the Protestant Episcopal Convention.

At the annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Chicago, held May 27, 1914, the following minute and resolution were passed:

"The Convention of the Diocese of Chicago desires to express its appreciation of the encomium of peace made by the Bishop in his annual address, and to affirm its devotion to the principle of Christian charity and good will whereby the brotherhood of man and the harmony of nations may be preserved.

"It would declare its belief that justice and happiness are more likely to be reached through mediation and arbitration, the appeal to reason and to the teaching of the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, than by means of war and its consequent horrors.

"It therefore welcomes with delight every effort to settle by kindly conciliation and wise diplomacy, rather than by force and cruelty, the disputes which arise, not only among the peoples of the earth, but also within the nation itself.

"In this spirit it trusts that justice and love will prevail alike among the disturbed citizens of Colorado and among the woe-driven and bewildered inhabitants of the Mexican Republic.

"And to the furtherance of this purpose the Convention pledges its sympathy, and offers its prayers.

"Resolved, That a copy of this minute be sent to the President of the United States, and to the Secretary of the American Peace Society."

Attest:

LUTHER PARDEE,

Secretary of Convention of the Diocese of Chicago.

In his address before the convention, Rt. Rev. Charles Palmerston Anderson, Bishop of Chicago, gave expression to his desire for action to be taken by the convention, and thus inspired the resolutions passed at a later session. He said in part:

"I cannot be unmindful of the fact that war clouds have been hovering over our heads, and that the war-dogs have been barking for blood. Just now there is a hopeful calm, though the sky is not clear as yet.

"I pray for Peace.

"I pray for Industrial Peace in Colorado; a Peace consistent with the ideals of a Christian Democracy.

"I pray for Peace between the United States and Mexico; a Peace consistent with high ideals of duty and responsibility.

"It might be well for this Convention to give some voice to the Christian conscience in the matter of war on this American Continent at this time and under existing circumstances and conditions.

"Some expression of this sort and from this body would help to uphold the hands of those upon whom far-reaching responsibilities have been placed, and who are trying to discharge them in the fear of God."

## Ninety-eighth Annual Meeting of the Peace Society, London.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Meeting of the Peace Society, London, was held on May 19, with a morning session for members of the Society to transact business and a public meeting in the City of London Guildhall in the afternoon. The President of the Society, Rt. Hon. Joseph A. Pease, Minister for Education, presided, and in the course of his remarks said that he wished to emphasize three propositions which were brought out in the Annual Report of the Secretary, Dr. Darby. The statements were that war results in ever fresh war; that perpetual preparation for war generates a spirit which makes conflict easy; that war has a deleterious